

Sorcha Edwards
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Dear Sorcha

Local Government and Housing Committee: inquiry into social housing supply

Thank you for attending our meeting on 3 July 2024 as part of our inquiry into social housing supply. We were grateful for your time and the insight you provided on the European context of this important subject.

Due to time constraints, we were unable to explore particular issues in greater detail, and we therefore agreed that I would write to seek additional information. We would be grateful if you could provide a response to the points set out below:

- Cost-based social housing: could you provide further detail on how this model works and its contribution to meeting housing need across Europe.
- Community engagement: could you set out your view on how communities can be effectively engaged in social housing developments. We would welcome any examples of best practice you may be aware of.
- Could you provide further details on the following schemes, as noted during the evidence session:
 - the revolving loan scheme in Denmark;

- a pilot scheme in the Netherlands where homes are being converted into smaller units;
- a scheme in Cork where smaller units are being built;
- a further scheme in Cork which supports 'rightsizing'.

As we are nearing the end of our inquiry, we would be grateful to receive this information by the end of August.

Yours sincerely



John Griffiths
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

To whom it concerns,

I have been asked by our Secretary General, Sorcha Edwards, to lease with you in order to provide research and other insights on best practices on the provision of social and affordable housing in Europe.

For a start, I have been asked to send to you our recent report on so-called "cost-rental" housing in Europe; which looks at the cases of Austria, Denmark, and Finland. You can access it at this link :

<https://www.housingeurope.eu/file/1073/download>

More broadly, you can find most of our recent research publications at :

<https://www.housingeurope.eu/section-135/housing-observatory>

Please let me know if there are any particular topics for which you are seeking inputs from us, and I will do my best to provide you with the necessary information.

Best regards,

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